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TITLE OF INVENTION SPINNING OIL FOR PRODUCING COMBED SLIVER		
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above-identified national stage application pursuant to the accompanying submission under 35 U.S.C. §371, please amend the English translation of the International Application submitted herewith, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 3, of page 1, and replace the deleted matter with the following new section headings and title of the invention:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Lubricants for Spinning Combed Wool Slivers, and Methods of Using the Same

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 3, between lines 19 and 20 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

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At page 4, between lines 11 and 12 thereof, please add the following new section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 9, between lines 1 and 2, please add the following new paragraph:
--What is claimed is:--

On a separate, new page 11, following page 10, please add the following new section heading and paragraph containing an Abstract of the Disclosure:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Lubrication of wool fibers for combed wool sliver production, via contacting of the wool fibers with a lubrication composition including a mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters based on fatty acids selected from the group consisting of coconut fatty acids, palm kernel fatty acids, palm oil fatty acids, and mixtures thereof, is disclosed.--

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 11-28, as follows:

--11. (New) A process for lubricating wool for combed wool sliver production, said process comprising:

- (a) providing wool fiber to be lubricated;
- (b) providing a lubricant composition comprising a mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters based on fatty acids selected from the group consisting of coconut fatty acids, palm kernel fatty acids, palm oil fatty acids, and mixtures thereof, and
- (c) contacting the wool fiber with the lubricant composition.--

--12. (New) The process according to claim 11, wherein the lubricant composition comprises from 50 to 95% by weight of the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl

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esters.--

--13. (New) The process according to claim 11, wherein the lubricant composition comprises from 60 to 80% by weight of the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters.--

--14. (New) The process according to claim 11, wherein the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters comprises a mixture of coconut fatty acid methyl esters.--

--15. (New) The process according to claim 14, wherein the mixture of coconut fatty acid methyl esters comprises lauric acid methyl esters and myristic acid methyl esters.--

--16. (New) The process according to claim 15, wherein the lauric acid methyl esters are present in an amount of from 45 to 51% by weight, and the myristic acid methyl esters are present in an amount of from 16.5 to 18.5% by weight.--

--17. (New) The process according to claim 11, wherein the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters comprises a mixture of palm kernel fatty acid methyl esters.--

--18. (New) The process according to claim 17, wherein the mixture of palm kernel fatty acid methyl esters comprises lauric acid methyl esters, myristic acid methyl esters and oleic acid methyl esters.--

--19. (New) The process according to claim 18, wherein the lauric acid methyl esters are present in an amount of about 50 % by weight.--

--20. (New) The process according to claim 11, wherein the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters comprises a mixture of palm oil fatty acid methyl esters.--

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--21. (New) The process according to claim 20, wherein the mixture of palm oil fatty acid methyl esters comprises palmitic acid methyl esters, oleic acid methyl esters and linoleic acid methyl esters.--

--22. (New) The process according to claim 21, wherein the palmitic acid methyl esters and the oleic acid methyl esters are each present in an amount of from about 41 to about 42 % by weight.--

--23. (New) The process according to claim 11, wherein the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters comprises a mixture of coconut fatty acid methyl esters, palm kernel fatty acid methyl esters, and palm oil fatty acid methyl esters.--

--24. (New) The process according to claim 23, wherein the coconut fatty acid methyl esters, the palm kernel fatty acid methyl esters, and the palm oil fatty acid methyl esters are present in a ratio by weight of 1:1:1.--

--25. (New) A lubricant composition for wool fiber comprising: a mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters consisting essentially of esters derived from fatty acids selected from the group consisting of coconut fatty acids, palm kernel fatty acids, palm oil fatty acids, and mixtures thereof; and emulsifiers.--

--26. (New) The lubricant composition according to claim 25, wherein the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters is present in an amount of from 60 to 80% by weight, based on the composition.--

--27. (New) The lubricant composition according to claim 25, wherein the mixture of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters consists essentially of a mixture of coconut fatty acid methyl esters, palm kernel fatty acid methyl esters, and palm oil fatty acid methyl esters.--

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--28. (New) The lubricant composition according to claim 27, wherein the coconut fatty acid methyl esters, the palm kernel fatty acid methyl esters, and the palm oil fatty acid methyl esters are present in a ratio by weight of 1:1:1.--

Please cancel claims 1-10, without prejudice.

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REMARKS

Claims 11-28 are currently pending in the instant application.

The Specification has been amended to delete the original section headings and to insert the preferred section headings pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.77. A new Title of the Invention has been inserted. An Abstract of the Disclosure has been added on a separate sheet following the claims. It is submitted that the amendments to the Specification made herein introduce no new matter. All of the amendments to the Specification constitute deletions of original section headings and/or paragraphs, and insertions or additions of new section headings and/or paragraphs. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(iii), no separate page captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" is necessary. A separate page containing a clean copy of the Abstract of the Disclosure has been added for the Examiner's convenience. Entry of the amendments to the Specification made herein is therefore proper and respectfully requested.

Original claims 1-10 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 11-28 solely for the purpose of improving clarity and grammar, which may suffer in translation, and not for any reason which relates to the statutory requirements for a patent. New claims 11-28 have not been added in response to any rejection, nor in anticipation of any rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the scope of new claims 11-28 generally corresponds to the scope of original claims 1-10, and that new claims 11-28 are no narrower than original claims 1-10. Furthermore, although a moot point in view of their cancellation, Applicants respectfully submit that original claims 1-10 satisfied the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, as filed. New claims 11-28 are supported by the claims as originally filed and in the Specification, for example, at page 3, line 20, through page 5, line 15; and in the Examples. No new matter has been introduced. All of the amendments to the Claims constitute cancellation of original claims and the addition of new claims. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii), no separate page captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" is necessary. Entry is therefore proper and respectfully requested.

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Prompt examination of the instant application in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lubricant for combed sliver production

The present application relates to the use of fatty acid methyl esters of vegetable origin as 5 smoothers in lubricants for combed wool sliver production, a lubricant for combed sliver production and a process for lubricating wool in combed sliver production.

Worsted or combed yarn spinning is a way of 10 producing high quality yarn from staple fibers. The staple fibers used are mainly wool and blends of wool with PES, PAN or other synthetic fibers. The yarns are processed as single or folded yarn into textile fabrics. Before the wool which is to be processed into 15 worsted yarn is actually spun, it has to undergo an intensive washing operation to remove organic and inorganic impurities in order that trouble-free processing in spinning may be ensured. After washing, the wool is dried. The removal of fiber concomitants, 20 especially wool wax and fats, alters the static and dynamic friction properties of the wool to a substantial extent, so that the further processing of the wool, especially under conditions of intensive fiber-fiber and fiber-metal friction, is extremely 25 problematical.

The friction properties altered during the washing of the wool are distinctly ameliorated by lubricating the dried wool. The wool is then further processed by carding, i.e. the production of a fiber 30 assembly from the pretreated staple fibers. It is especially during this processing stage that the wool fiber material is severely stressed by fiber-metal friction. This stress has the effect of reducing the mean staple length of the wool (hauteur). To counteract 35 this staple shortening, the wool has to be treated with a suitable lubricant before carding. The wool which is present after carding as a card sliver or after combing as a combed sliver is then spun by repeated doubling,

drafting and subsequent ring spinning into a fine, regular yarn in the worsted-spinning process.

Lubricating is a key operation in combed sliver production, since an increased fraction of short fibers as a result of inadequate lubricating leads to a reduction in the yield of combed sliver and also to adverse effects on combed sliver strength, for example. These losses have appreciable economic repercussions. For instance, a yield improvement of just 0.3% for a typical large combed sliver producer having an annual output of 60 000 t of combed wool sliver will yield an additional 180 t of sales product. This amounts to increased profits of more than 1 million deutschmarks, depending on the prices at the time. World production of combed sliver amounts to about 1.5 million t a year. Accordingly there continues to be a demand for improved lubricants for combed sliver production.

Combed sliver production lubricants are generally used as aqueous emulsions of smoothers or as the neat products. Known smoothers apart from mineral oils include in particular fatty acid polyglycol esters and also pure fatty acid esters (cf. Handbuch der Textilhilfsmittel, A. Chwala, V. Anger, Weinheim 1997, pages 314 to 320 and "Die Bedeutung der Schmälze und der Avivage bei der Kammgarnherstellung", W. Becker, in textile praxis international, October 1990). These smoothers are customarily processed in combination with emulsifiers into a lubricant that is preferably applied to the wool fibers before carding.

Commonly assigned EP 587 601 B1 discloses that fatty acid methyl esters are useful lubricants in the production of woolen yarns. By way of example the document discloses the use of esters based on animal fatty acid mixtures, especially of tallow fatty acids, as smoothers in lubricants for woolen yarn spinning. Woolen yarn spinning, then, has different demands on the lubricant to combed sliver production because of the different further processing of the fibers. In both processes, the wool is carded in the first percent

[sic] step (after washing, dyeing, etc.), but both the machinery and the production goal are appreciably different in combed sliver production to woolen yarn spinning. Worsted yarns are spun from fine wools via a
5 combed sliver as an intermediate stage. Woolen yarns, in contrast, are immediately spun after carding from the rovings produced on the woolen yarn card. The differences in the products are contrasted in the following table:

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	Worsted yarn	Woolen yarn
Surface structure	smooth	rough, mossy
End use	fine outerwear yarns	coarse, outerwear yarns, carpet yarns
Yarn count	Nm 20-100 (fine)	Nm 0.5-20 (coarse)
Yarn regularity	high	relatively low

Nor did a use of the methyl esters based on - animal - tall oil fatty acids exemplarily disclosed in EP 587 601 B1 lead to an improvement in combed sliver production. But it was found that, surprisingly, the use of fatty acid methyl esters of selected fatty acid mixtures as smoothers leads to a distinct reduction in the fraction of short staple in the carding of wool fibers.

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A first embodiment claimed is the use of C₆-22-fatty acid methyl esters of vegetable raw materials as smoothers in lubricants for the production of combed wool slivers.

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The fatty acid methyl esters used according to the invention are commercially available products which are prepared by the well known esterification of the free fatty acid or by transesterification of fatty acid triglycerides with methanol, usually in the presence of acidic catalysts. The invention uses exclusively fatty acid methyl esters prepared by transesterification of the natural triglycerides from vegetable sources such as coconut oil, soybean oil, rapeseed oil, palm oil or

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palm kernel oil. The as-prepared methyl esters may be used without further processing, after distillative processing or else after hydrogenation of the unsaturated fractions. Particular preference is given
5 to the use of such fatty acid methyl esters as have been prepared on the basis of coconut fatty acids, palm kernel fatty acids, palm oil fatty acids and especially mixtures thereof.

As well as the smoothers from vegetable raw
10 materials, it is preferable to use emulsifiers and further customary additives.

Coconut fatty acids predominantly include mixtures of lauric acid and myristic acid. Cocoa fatty acid typically includes 0.2 to 1% by weight of hexanoic
15 acid, 5.4 to 8.0% by weight of octanoic acid, 6.5 to 8.5% by weight of decanoic acid, 45.0 to 51.0% by weight of lauric acid, 16.5 to 18.5% by weight of myristic acid, 9.0 to 10.5% by weight of palmitic acid, 2.0 to 2.3% by weight of stearic acid, 0.2 to 0.4% by
20 weight of behenic acid and 8.0 to 10.0% by weight of oleic acid and also 0.7 to 1.0% by weight of linoleic acid.

Palm kernel fatty acids typically have the following composition: caproic, caprylic, capric acid
25 9% by weight, lauric acid 50% by weight, myristic acid 15% by weight, palmitic acid 7% by weight, stearic acid 2% by weight, oleic acid 15% by weight, linoleic acid 1% by weight.

Palm fatty acids typically have the following
30 composition: myristic acid 2% by weight, palmitic acid 42% by weight, stearic acid 5% by weight, oleic acid 41% by weight and linoleic acid 10% by weight.

According to the invention, these methyl ester mixtures are used as smoothers in lubricants, the
35 lubricants including 50 to 95% by weight, especially 60 to 80% by weight, of the above-described fatty acid methyl esters.

This application accordingly further provides lubricants for combed sliver production, including

- a) 60 to 80% by weight of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters of vegetable raw materials as smoothers
- b) 5 to 30% by weight of emulsifiers
- c) 0 to 10% by weight of additives

5 The lubricants of the invention preferably include as smoothers fatty acid methyl esters based on coconut fatty acid, palm kernel fatty acid or palm oil fatty acids and mixtures thereof. Preference is given to lubricants that include exclusively methyl esters
10 based on coconut fatty acid or palm kernel fatty acid. But it is also preferable to use mixtures of methyl esters based on coconut fatty acid, palm kernel fatty acid or palm oil fatty acids, preference being given in particular to such mixtures where the three different
15 methyl esters are present in an amount ratio of 1:1:1.

Useful additives for inclusion in the lubricants of the invention are corrosion inhibitors, antistats, adhesion promoters, bactericides, antioxidants, pH regulators and viscosity improvers.

20 Useful emulsifiers include nonionic, anionic and cationic emulsifiers, for example partial esters of di- and/or triglycerol, such as triglyceryl monooleate, alkoxyolated, preferably ethoxylated and/or propoxylated, fats, oils, C₈₋₂₂ fatty acids, C₈₋₂₂ fatty
25 alcohols and/or C₈₋₂₂ fatty acid mono- and/or diethanolamides, such as optionally ethoxylated oleic acid mono- or diethanolamide, alkoxyolated, preferably ethoxylated, C₈₋₂₂ fatty acids whose OH group is replaced by a C₁₋₄ alkoxy group, alkali metal and/or
30 ammonium salts of C₈₋₂₂ alkylsulfonates, alkali metal and/or ammonium salts of C₈₋₂₂ alkylsulfosuccinates, such as sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate, and/or amine oxides, such as dimethyldodecylamine oxide.

The viscosity of the lubricant may in principle
35 be raised using triglycerides such as the relatively highly viscous rapeseed oil or polymeric compounds. German Patent DE 39 36 975 discloses coning oils containing fatty acid alcohol polymethacrylates to control sling-off. German Offenlegungsschrift

DE 39 24 160 discloses additives comprising carboxyl-free homo- and/or interpolymers of esters of acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid having limiting viscosities $[\eta]$ of less than 300, preferably 800,
5 ml g⁻¹, measured at 20°C in tetrahydrofuran. The reported limiting viscosities $[\eta]$ are customary in the art and are described for example in Vollmert, "Grundriß der Makromolekularen Chemie", Volume III, pages 55 to 61, VERlag E. Vollmert, Karlsruhe 1982.
10 Owing to their high limiting viscosity, the additives described improve the fiber-drawing and/or adhesive performance of oils and/or fats.

The lubricants of the invention are prepared in a conventional manner by mixing the stated constituents
15 in the stated amounts with each other in any order at temperatures between 18 and 25°C.

Lubricants may be used neat or preferably in the form of aqueous emulsions. This application further provides a process for lubricating wool in combed
20 sliver production, wherein the wool is treated with an aqueous emulsion including an active ingredient content - based on the weight of the wool - of 0.25 to 0.60% by weight of lubricant as per the above description before carding. The textile fibers are present as staple.

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Examples

Two inventive carding lubricants which contain fatty acid methyl esters of vegetable raw materials
30 were tested. The lubricants were prepared by simply stirring the raw materials together. The washed wool for the tests was half lubricated with a standard textile auxiliary based on tallow fatty acid methyl ester. The rest of the wool staple was finished with
35 the product of the invention. Product was applied in each case at 0.5% on weight of wool.

The wool was subsequently carded, drawn out, combed and drafted, and the combed sliver yield of the product (B) lubricated according to the invention

compared with the yield of a combed sliver (A) produced in standard fashion. The values mentioned under A and B constitute the weight difference calculated according to the formula:

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$$\text{Yield (\%)} = \frac{\text{combed sliver weight [kg]} \times 100}{\text{washed staple weight [kg]}}$$

between washed staple weight and ready-produced combed sliver. The yield improvement in % represents the
10 improvement in yields of combed sliver (difference A,
B) produced using the product prepared according to the invention. It can be seen that the lubricants of the invention provide a higher yield of finished products than obtained on using existing products based on
15 animal fatty acid esters.

Table 1: Composition of lubricants according to the invention:

Example	Amounts [in % by weight]	Ingredients
1	58.00	Coconut/palm kernel/palm oil fatty acid methyl ester
	12.00	Coconut fatty acid diethanolamide
	10.00	Coconut fatty acid polyglycol ester
	5.00	EO/PO-polyglycol, molar mass: 2 500
	5.00	Sodium alkanesulfonate
	10.00	Water
2	80.00	Coconut/palm kernel/palm oil fatty acid methyl ester
	10.00	Coconut fatty alcohol + 5 EO
	5.00	Sodium alkanesulfonate
	5.00	Diethanolamine

Table 2: Results of application tests:

	Application amount in %	Finished product amount in % of raw material used		
		Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
Wool quality (length mm/diameter μ)		64/21	68/21.6	72.2/21.8
A	0.5	88.68	90.16	88.70
B	0.5	90.64	90.70	89.70
Yield improvement in %		1.96	0.54	1.00

Claims

1. Use of C₆₋₂₂-fatty acid methyl esters of vegetable raw materials as smoothers in lubricants for the production of combed wool slivers.
- 5 2. Use of claim 1, characterized in that fatty acid methyl esters based on coconut fatty acids, palm kernel fatty acids, palm oil fatty acids or mixtures of these esters are used.
- 10 3. Use of claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the fatty acid methyl esters are used in amounts of 50 to 95% by weight, preferably 60 to 80% by weight, based on lubricant.
- 15 4. Use of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the fatty acid methyl esters are used in combination with emulsifiers and additives.
5. A lubricant for combed sliver production, including
 - a) 60 to 80% by weight of C₆₋₂₂ fatty acid methyl esters of vegetable raw materials as smoothers
 - 20 b) 5 to 30% by weight of emulsifiers
 - c) 0 to 10% by weight of additives
6. The lubricant of claim 5, characterized in that the smoothers it includes are exclusively fatty acid methyl esters based on coconut fatty acids.
- 25 7. The lubricant of claim 5, characterized in that the smoothers it includes are exclusively fatty acid methyl esters based on palm kernel fatty acid.
8. The lubricant of claim 5, characterized in that the smoothers it includes are mixtures of fatty acid methyl esters based on coconut fatty acid, palm kernel fatty acid and/or palm oil fatty acid.
- 30 9. The lubricant of claim 8, characterized in that the smoothers it includes are mixtures of coconut fatty acid, palm kernel fatty acid and palm oil fatty acid in a weight ratio of 1:1:1.
- 35 10. A process for lubricating wool in combed sliver production, characterized in that the wool is treated with an aqueous emulsion including an active ingredient

content - based on the weight of the wool - of 0.25 to 0.60% by weight of lubricant as claimed in any of claims 5 to 9 before carding.

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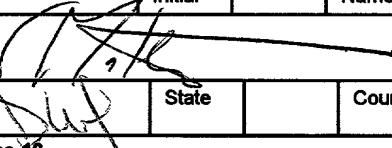
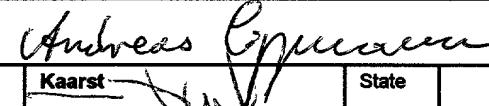
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